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GROFT RURAL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
of
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
for
1952.

F. W. Gavin, M. D., Ch.B., D. P. H.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the
Croft Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1952.

Dr. Priestman resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of Health in August and my duties commenced on the 1st September 1952.

The vital statistics for the year under review are entirely favourable, the birth rate at 18.13 per 1,000 population remained higher than that for England and Wales at 15.30. There were 47 live births as against 56 in 1951.

The infantile mortality rate and the maternal mortality rate were both nil.

Total deaths declined from 27 in 1951 to 18 in 1952, there being 4 deaths from cancer and one death from pulmonary tuberculosis.

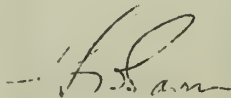
The year was noteworthy for the small number of notifications of infectious diseases viz:- 10 cases of whooping cough, one case of scarlet fever, and one case of pulmonary tuberculosis - only 12 cases in all.

Notes of work carried out by the North Riding County Council under Sections 22, 23, 24 and 25 of the National Health Service Act 1946 are to be found on pages 5 and 6 of this Report.

Water Supplies. The Report of the Sanitary Inspector gives details of these supplies and the results of water samples taken from various sources.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. Details will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report under this heading.

Refuse Disposal. Public scavenging, as recorded in the Sanitary Inspector's Report is satisfactory.



Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health. Austin Priestman, MB., Ch.B.
D.P.H. (resigned 31/8/52)

F. W. Gavin, L. D., Ch.B.
D.P.H. (appointed 1/9/52)

Sanitary Inspector, J. D. Collins, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
(Part-time)

Additional Sanitary Inspector. J. F. Ellison, C.R.S.I.,
(Part-time) M.S.I.A.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--|-----|--------------|
| Area of the District in acres | ... | 19,731 |
| Resident Population | ... | 2,592 |
| Number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1952 | ... | 738 |
| Rateable Value at 1st April 1952 | ... | £ 10,047 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | ... | £ 41. 17. 3. |
| Rate in £ levied at 1st April 1952 | ... | 9/- |

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS. The number of live births registered during the year was 47 as against 56 in 1951, a decrease of 9. The birth rates comparison shows that the rate for the District is again greater than that for the rest of England and Wales.

The number of still births registered in the District during the year was NIL, as against one in 1951.

| <u>Birth Rate Comparisons.</u> | per 1,000 population | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Live Births.</u> | <u>Still Births</u> |
| Croft Rural District 1952 | 13.13 | 0.00 |
| Croft Rural District 1951 | 21.65 | .39 |
| England and Wales 1952 | 15.30 | .35 |

| <u>ANALYSIS OF BIRTHS.</u> | <u>Live Births</u> | | | | <u>Still Births</u> | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----|------|----|---------------------|---|------|---|
| | 1952 | | 1951 | | 1952 | | 1951 | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Legitimate | 32 | 14 | 27 | 25 | . | . | 1 | . |
| Illegitimate | . | 1 | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . |

| <u>Residential Distribution of Births.</u> | 1952 | | | |
|--|--------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| | <u>Live Births</u> | | <u>Still Births</u> | |
| | M | F | M | F |
| Barton | 6 | 4 | | |
| Cleasby | . | 1 | | |
| Cliffe | 1 | . | | |
| Cockleberry | 16 | 7 | | |
| Croft | 4 | . | | |
| Dalton on Tees | 1 | . | | |
| Eryholme | . | 1 | | |
| Girsby | . | . | | |
| Manfield | 2 | . | | |
| Newton Morrell | 1 | 2 | | |
| Stapleton | 1 | . | | |
| Totals | 32 | 15 | NIL | |

DEATHS. Maternal Mortality. Again there was no case of a woman dying in, or in consequence of childbirth in the District, and as there was no such death in 1951 and 1950 this compares very favourably with the maternal death rate for England and Wales, which for 1952 was .72 per 1,000 total live births.

Infantile Mortality. The number of infants (under one year) who died during 1952 was NIL, as against one in 1951, again decreasing on the previous year. As this rate cannot be improved it shows a great improvement on the Rate for England and Wales.

Infantile Mortality Comparisons per 1,000 live births.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Croft Rural District 1952 | 0.00 |
| Croft Rural District 1951 | 17.86 |
| England and Wales 1952 | 27.60 |

Deaths from all causes. During 1952 there were 18 deaths from all causes registered in the District, a decrease for the second time on the previous year, and again comparing favourably with that for England and Wales.

Death Rates Comparisons. Death Rate per 1,000 population

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Croft Rural District 1952 | 6.94 |
| Croft Rural District 1951 | 10.44 |
| England and Wales 1952 | 11.30 |

| <u>Cause of All Deaths and Sexes.</u> | <u>1952</u> | | <u>1951</u> | |
|---|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> |
| Tuberculosis - respiratory | . | 1 | . | . |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | . | . | 1 | . |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | . | 1 | . | 1 |
| " " , lung, bronchus | . | . | 1 | . |
| " " , uterus | . | . | . | 1 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | . | 3 | . | 1 |
| Diabetes ... | 1 | . | . | . |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Coronary disease, angina. | 1 | . | 3 | 1 |
| Other heart diseases | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Other circulatory diseases | . | 1 | . | . |
| Influenza ... | . | . | . | . |
| Pneumonia ... | . | . | 1 | 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | . | 1 | 1 | . |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | . | 1 | . | 1 |
| Totals | 5 | 13 | 14 | 13 |

Number of deaths from the seven chief causes and rate per 1,000 pop.

| | | <u>Number of Deaths</u> | | <u>Rate</u> | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | <u>1952</u> | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> | <u>1951</u> |
| T/B Nonpulmonary | ... | . | . | . | . |
| Cancer | ... | 4 | 4 | 1.54 | 1.55 |
| Respiratory (not T/B) | ... | . | 2 | . | .77 |
| Heart Disease | ... | 4 | 13 | 1.54 | 5.03 |
| T/B Pulmonary | ... | 1 | . | .39 | . |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | | 5 | 5 | 1.92 | 1.93 |
| Other circulatory diseases | | 1 | . | .39 | . |
| Totals | | 15 | 24 | 5.78 | 9.28 |

| <u>Ages at Death from all Causes</u> | | <u>1952</u> | <u>1951</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| Under 1 year | ... | . | 1 |
| 1/25 years | ... | 1 | 1 |
| 25/55 years | ... | 3 | 4 |
| 55/75 years | ... | 6 | 14 |
| over 75 years | ... | 8 | 7 |
| Totals | | <u>18</u> | <u>27</u> |

Residential Distribution of Deaths from all Causes.

| | | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> |
|----------------|-----|----------|-----------|
| Barton | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Cleasby | ... | . | . |
| Cliffe | ... | . | . |
| Croft | ... | . | 2 |
| Cockleberry | ... | . | 1 |
| Dalton on Tees | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Eryholme | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Girsby | ... | . | 1 |
| Manfield | ... | . | 3 |
| Newton Morrell | ... | 1 | . |
| Over Dinsdale | ... | . | 1 |
| Piercebridge | ... | 1 | . |
| Stapleton | ... | . | 1 |
| Totals | | <u>5</u> | <u>13</u> |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There were 11 cases of notifiable diseases reported in 1952, again a reduction on the numbers for the previous year.

| <u>Analysis and Comparisons</u> | <u>1952</u> | <u>1951</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 3 |
| Measles | . | 16 |
| Whooping Cough | 10 | 1 |
| | <u>11</u> | <u>20</u> |

Residential Distribution of Infectious Diseases.

| | <u>Whooping Cough</u> | | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Cliffe | 1 | | |
| Cockleberry | 8 | | 1 |
| Croft | <u>1</u> | | <u>—</u> |

TUBERCULOSIS. There was one notification of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in 1952, (a female, aged 23 and residing in Cockleberry) this being the same number of notifications as the previous year. There was also one death from this disease, (a female, aged 27 also a resident of Cockleberry). No deaths from this disease occurred in 1951.

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS.

| <u>Age Groups and Comparisons</u> | <u>1952</u> | | | | <u>1951</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>over 5</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>over 5</u> |
| Successful Vaccinations | 3 | | | 5 | 3 | | | 5 |
| Complete Course of Immunisation | 20 | | | 5 | 20 | | | 1 |

Residential Distribution of Vaccinations and Immunisations.

| | Vaccinations | | | Immunisations | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|--------|---------------|---|--------|
| | 0 | 5 | over 5 | 0 | 5 | over 5 |
| Barton | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Cleasby | . | | 1 | 1 | | . |
| Cliffe | 1 | | . | . | | . |
| Cockleberry | 1 | | . | 3 | | . |
| Croft | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | . |
| Dalton on Tees | . | | . | 3 | | . |
| Eryholme | . | | . | 3 | | . |
| Manfield | 1 | | . | 2 | | 1 |
| Over Dinsdale | . | | . | . | | 1 |
| Piercebridge | . | | . | . | | 1 |
| Stapleton | 1 | | . | 6 | | 1 |
| | 8 | | 5 | 20 | | 5 |

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

- Section 22. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
 " 23. Domiciliary Midwifery.
 " 24. Health Visiting.
 " 25. Home Nursing.

Three District Nurse/Midwives employed by the North Riding County Council carry out the duties required by the above four sections of the Act. There is one Infant Welfare Centre in the District - at Manfield, which is also under the jurisdiction of the County Council; this is attended by a local practitioner and the District Nurse. Full advantage being taken of the facilities offered. The District Nurse again organised a successful day's outing to Redcar for the mothers and children attending the Clinic.

The number of visits paid to patients by the District Nurse/Midwives during 1952 are as follows:-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Health Visiting</u> | <u>Home Nursing</u> | <u>Domiciliary Midwifery.</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1951 | 916 | 1878 | 1134 |
| 1952 | 870 | 1966 | 1210 |

| | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Number of attendances made by children at the monthly sessions of the Manfield Infant Welfare Centre. | 324 | 329 |

Section 27. Ambulance Service. The North Riding County Council provide this service by arrangement with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who have three vehicles stationed at Richmond and with the Hospital Car Service. These two services adequately cover Richmond Borough and the Rural Districts of Richmond, Croft, Reeth and Startforth.

Section 28. Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care.

The work of vaccination and immunisation, together with the advice spread by those working in the Public Health Service, Inspectors, Midwives, Maternity and Child Welfare Officers, Doctors and Nurses must all have a beneficial effect on the general health of the community.

Section 29. Domestic Help Service. This service is provided by the County Council and during 1952 two cases received 434½ hours service.

Section 51. Mental Health. No Committees in the District. No cases arose during 1952.

Section 47. National Assistance Act, 1948. No cases removed during the year.

The public health work of the District has been carried out as usual and I now express my thanks to your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Collins and his assistant for their kind co-operation at all times and my clerical staff for their constant help and conscientious work.

The remainder of this Report was compiled by Mr. Collins and my thanks are here expressed for this great assistance.

Social Conditions and Employment. The district is entirely rural in character and as far as is known unemployment is negligible.

There are 4 gravel beds and the disused War-time R.A.F. Aerodrome, which is now used by the R. A. F. in connection with their Station at Middleton St. George in the adjacent Rural District. Part of the airfield is still used by the Darlington and District Aero Club.

Water Supply. There is a piped water supply to the major part of the rural district by statutory undertakers, the Tees Valley Water Board. The parishes served are Cleasby, Cliffe, Manfield, Stapleton and Croft. A bulk supply from the Tees Valley Water Board also serves, through a private main, part of the parish of Over Dinsdale. The Council take a bulk supply from the same Authority for part of the parish of Dalton and from Richmond Rural District Council for the Temporary Housing sites (ex R.A.F. Station) situated in part of the parishes of Dalton and Croft.

The parish of Barton is supplied by a private undertaking and has been fully described in my previous report. Early in the year a complaint was received regarding the purity of the water by the County Medical Officer originating from samples taken by the County Sanitary Officer. Further samples were taken and the headworks inspected by the Medical Officer, County Sanitary Officer and the Public Health Laboratory Pathologist. The results of the analysis of samples are shown hereafter. Efforts were made to trace the source of pollution through co-operation with Richmond Rural District Council Sanitary Inspector without success. It was agreed that the headworks and plant were in a satisfactory condition apart from minor defects which the undertakers agreed to remedy. The source was very deep-seated and no evidence could be found to support the pollution indicated in the Analyses. The supply is being kept under observation.

Apart from the above, the other main supplies are, I understand satisfactory in both quality and quantity. In the parishes of Newton Morrell, Eryholme and Girsby as well as outlying parts of all parishes there is no mains supply. In these places the occupiers are served by springs and wells.

There is a piped supply from Croft to Halnaby Hall which is a bulk supply from the Tees Valley Water Board.

Samples of water are taken by the Statutory undertakers and are as follows:-

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----|--------------|---|-----------------|
| Tees Valley Water Board | - | 266 | satisfactory | 2 | unsatisfactory. |
| Barton Water Supply | - | 1 | " | | |
| Richmond | - | 3 | " | | |

There are no installations for the treatment of water apart from filtration and chlorination (Tees Valley Water Board and Richmond R. D. C.)

The following is a list of degrees of hardness for each supply:-

Temporary Hardness Permanent Hardness

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Barton Water Supply | 23.5 | 9.0 |
| Tees Valley Water Board | 21.8 | 0.91 |
| Richmond | 18.8 | 3.8 |

No water in the area is known to have plumbo-solvent action.

Table of Water Samples.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Supply</u> | <u>Reason Taken</u> | <u>Observation</u> |
|------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 5.2.52 | Barton C. of E. School | Barton Limestone Co. | Routine Sampling. | Unsatisfactory. |
| 2. | 4.3.52 | Springhead | " | Check Sample | " |
| 3. | 4.3.52 | Barton Reservoir | " | " | Suspicious |
| 4. | 4.3.52 | Barton C. of E. School | " | " | Unsatisfactory |
| 5. | 5.11.52 | " | " | " | " |
| 6. | 16.12.52 | " | " | " | Suspicious |

PROPOSED SCHEME.

1. Eryholme. In my previous report for 1951 details were given of a scheme for the supply of water to this area from the village of Dalton at an estimated cost of £12,000 and the Council felt that the cost was prohibitive.

Early in the year the Council received reports on an amended scheme to supply water from the opposite side of the river at Hurworth. In view of the inability of the Tees Valley Water Board to guarantee the quantity required this proposal had to be abandoned. At the same time the officials are investigating the possibilities of supplying this area from a water supply serving the adjacent district (Northallerton Rural District Council).

2. Cleasby, Stapleton, Croft, Newton Morrell and Barton.

The original proposal in connection with the supply of water to these parishes was also mentioned in the 1951 report (estimated cost £53,000).

The Council received details of an amended scheme to supply water to this area (apart from Barton) by a 4" branch from Cleasby, part of Barton and Newton Morrell at an estimated cost of £9,862.

The Council decided, in view of the expense involved and the agricultural interest, that they meet the owners concerned to see what financial support can be expected. The result of this was that the scheme with an amended revenue statement was submitted to the Water Supplies Officer of the Agricultural Executive Committee who was dealing with his Ministry on the matter of grants.

It is expected that a reply will be received early in 1953.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The villages of Barton and Stapleton have combined Sewerage and Sewage Disposal systems. At Cleasby, Eryholme, Manfield, Croft and Dalton there are combined sewers which discharge without proper treatment to ditches. In the remaining parishes of Newton Morrell, Cliffe, Girsby and Over Dinsdale, no public sewer is available, although there are only a few scattered dwelling houses in these parishes. In all the parishes many houses have their own cesspools, some with filters about which no complaints are received. The Council

WATER SUPPLY, 1952.

| Parish | No. of occupied houses in Parish. | Approx. Pop. | Water Authority supplying. | Direct to Houses Open Meter | By means of standpipes | Total Houses supp- lied. | % of houses supp- lied. | Pop. supp- lied direct | Pop. supp- lied by standpipe. |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Barton | 168 | 595 | W.B. Eggleston, Barton Limestone. | 122 | 18 | 140 | 83.33 | 432 | 64 |
| Newton Morrell | 13 | 46 | No public supply | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cleasby | 41 | 148 | T.V.W.B. | 22 | - | 35 | 85.37 | 124 | - |
| Cliffe | 44 | 48 | T.V.W.B. | 5 | - | 6 | 42.85 | 21 | - |
| Manfield | 65 | 233 | T.V.W.B. | 36 | - | 47 | 72.30 | 166 | - |
| Croft (Temporary Houses). | 44 | 158 | Bulk supply from Richmond R.D.C. distributed by Croft R.D.C. | 44 | 1 | 45 | 100.0 | 158 | 4 |
| Croft (Other Houses) | 133 | 467 | T.V.W.B. | 89 | - | 102 | 76.69 | 361 | - |
| Dalton (Temporary Houses). | 82 | 293 | Bulk supply from Richmond R.D.C. distributed by Croft R.D.C. | 80 | - | 82 | 100 | 293 | - |
| Dalton (Other Houses) | 50 | 179 | Bulk supply from T.V.W.B. distributed by Croft R.D.C. | 26 | - | 38 | 76 | 134 | - |
| Eryholme | 38 | 136 | No public supply | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Girsby | 11 | 39 | - do - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Over Dinsdale | 19 | 67 | Private supply from T.V.W.B. | 17 | - | 17 | 89.47 | 60 | - |
| Stapleton | 54 | 193 | T.V.W.B. | 39 | - | 45 | 83.33 | 159 | - |
| | 732 | 2,592 | - | 480 | 19 | 557 | 76.09 | 1,908 | 68 |



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periodically flush and clean sewers and tanks at Barton and Stapleton and the combined sewers at Manfield, Croft and Dalton.

The Temporary Housing Sites at Croft and Dalton (disused R. A. F. hutments) are properly drained, W. Cs. being provided to all hutments and two modern Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works are maintained by a special staff appointed by the Council as Agents for the Ministry of Health.

The Council do not undertake the emptying of cesspools in the area.

PROPOSED SCHEME.

Croft. The Ministry of Health, County Council and the Council have given their approval to this scheme. The former authority indicated a definite starting date for March 1953.

Cleasby, Manfield, Dalton and Stapleton. Further to the 1951 report indicating that the Council had accepted preliminary schemes for these villages costing £ 29,250 they decided to instruct their Consulting Engineers to proceed with details for the village of Manfield for submission to the Ministry for loan purposes.

Closet Accommodation. During the year 9 ash closets and privies were converted into W. C.s as compared with 9 in 1951. The Council do not pay a grant towards the cost of W. C. Conversions.

Scavenging. Public scavenging is carried out in the parishes of Barton, Newton Morrell, Cleasby, Cliffe, Manfield, Dalton, Fryholme, and Stapleton by contract every two weeks. The parish of Croft previously scavenged by arrangement with Darlington R. D. C. was added to the Contractor's rota for scavenging purposes. The total cost for all parishes being £ 635 per annum. The temporary housing sites in the parishes of Croft and Dalton are scavenged once a week by the same Contractor at an inclusive cost of 11d per bin (bins supplied).

Sanitary Inspection

| Summary of Inspections and Re-inspections under the Public Health Acts. | No. of Visits | No. of Informal Notices served | No. of Informal Notices remedial |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Water Supplies | 12 | 7 | . |
| Housing Inspections | 8 | . | . |
| Ash Pits and Privies | . | . | . |
| Water Closets | . | . | . |
| Drainage | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Dangerous Buildings | 5 | 1 | . |
| Moveable dwellings | 6 | . | . |
| Animal Nuisances | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Nuisances | 54 | 1 | . |
| | 78 | 12 | 2 |

Number of General Inspections and Visits.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Sewerage ... | 15 |
| Water Supplies ... | 13 |
| Buildings in Course of Erection | 26 |
| Drains inspected and tested | 8 |
| Council House repairs etc. | 80 |
| Food Inspection | 2 |
| Miscellaneous (Buildings Licences etc) | 190 |
| Infectious Diseases | 1 |
| | <u>335</u> |

Disinfestation. No verminous premises were found during routine inspections, but two were notified. Both were treated.

Schools. The notice of the County Education Authority was drawn to the state of the sanitary accommodation at Barton. The Education Authority remedied the minor defects for which they admitted liability, and agreement was reached with the School Managers for improvements at a later date.

HOUSING.

1. Civil Building Licences. New Dwelling by Private Enterprise.

Two Building Licences for the erection of one house and the conversion of one building into a dwelling house at a cost of £ 2,870 was issued by the Council during the year compared with the issue of five building licences for the erection of four houses and the conversion of one building into a dwelling in 1951.

2. Miscellaneous Building Licences. The Council as Licensing Authority issued five licences in connection with housing repairs, improvements etc. amounting to £ 2,151 compared with six licences amounting to £ 2,123 in 1951.

ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

A. Private Enterprise. Two new houses were completed, one converted from loose boxes and one from store rooms over garages compared with two new houses, one large house divided into three flats and two cottages almost completely reconstructed last year.

B. Council Houses. There were no Council Houses either under construction or completed during the year.

Temporary Houses. The Council, as Agents for the Ministry of Health, have under their control five disused R. A. F. hutted sites. The hutments as mentioned in previous reports were adapted for temporary housing purposes on the sites, each family having a self-contained unit of housing comprising from one to three bedrooms and living room complete with cooking stove and piped water supply over sink. There is also a laundry house and sanitary accommodation. The sites contain 4½" brick built hutments with asbestos roof, corrugated galvanised iron nissen huts, and felted plasterboard huts with corrugated galvanised iron roofs, all of which are properly drained and sewered.

The Council continued their policy of disposing of the sub-standard hutments. Nine Nissen huts and one picket post were vacated in readiness for sale early in 1953.

The following are the figures for the number of families housed on the various sites at the 31st December 1952:-

| | |
|---------------|----|
| 1. Woodside | 24 |
| 2. Whitley | 20 |
| 3. Wellington | 23 |
| 4. Lancaster | 14 |
| Comm Halifax | 43 |
| Technical | 1 |

A Technical Assistant is employed full time with two labourers on the sites dealing with maintenance repairs and other various complaints and needs of the Occupiers of the hutments. These Occupiers are a mixed class and there is great difficulty in dealing with the unsatisfactory.

Applications for Council Houses. The Total number of applicants for Council Houses, from families residing in the rural area is 82 of which 28 were without homes of their own, as against a total of 42 families in February 1951.

The number of applications from families residing outside the Council's area was 60 of which 43 were without homes of their own.

The table shown on page 11 indicates the requirements in the various parishes, together with the number of agricultural workers and accommodation required.

Inspections under the Housing Acts.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected - 32

| <u>Category of houses inspected</u> | | |
|--|--|----|
| No. of dwelling houses fit in all respects ... | | 8 |
| " " " " requiring minor repairs . | | 5 |
| " " " " unfit for human habitation | | 19 |

Moveable Dwellings. One application was received and granted for a renewal of a licence to use land and station a caravan.

Plans under Byelaws. The following is a list of plans submitted under the Council's Building Byelaws during the year:-

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| New Houses (including Council Houses) | 6 |
| Alterations and additions to houses | 6 |
| Conversions of buildings into houses | 2 |
| Agricultural buildings | 2 |
| Shops, stalls etc. | . |
| Garage and Sheds etc. | 5 |
| W. C. and drainage etc | . |
| Alterations to other buildings | 2 |
| Others | 5 |
| Total | <u>28</u> |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the Council's Byelaws although 12 inspections were made of food premises. The difficulty in improving conditions is most apparent in dealing with the small village shop where all types of commodities are on sale in a very restricted space.

There are seven public houses, including hotels in the area, four of which have catering licences. Improvements were completed to the kitchens of two hotels commenced last year. The only other catering establishments are a Nursery School, and a Tea Garden where teas are served. All these premises are satisfactory apart from the sanitary arrangements in three small public houses and the Owners have been advised. In one case we are aware that plans are being prepared.

Condemnation of Food. The following foodstuffs were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered:-

| |
|-----------------------------|
| 1 x 11 lbs. tin Boiled Ham. |
| 1 x 19 lbs. 7 ozs. " " |

AFFILIATIONS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES.

AFFILIANTS RESIDING IN THE RURAL AREA.

| Villages where house is required | No. with home of their own | No. without homes of their own | Agricultural No. with home of their own | Workers No. without home of their own | With Homes Bedrooms required | Without Homes Bedrooms required | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Barton | 23 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Croft | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | . |
| Dalton | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | . | . |
| Menfield | 2 | 2 | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . |
| Stapleton | 15 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | . |
| Totals | 54 | 28 | 12 | 6 | 28 | 16 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 1 |
| AFFILIANTS NOT RESIDING IN THE RURAL AREA. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | . | 6 | 1 | . |
| Croft | 6 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | . | 12 | 5 | . |
| Dalton | 2 | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | 4 | . | . |
| Menfield | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | . | 5 | . | . |
| Stapleton | 2 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 | . | . | 7 | 3 | . |
| Totals | 17 | 43 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 5 | . | 34 | 9 | . |

NOTE: All Agricultural Workers are included in the first two columns.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938. SECTION 14.

Ice-cream. There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area. No application was received for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice cream. The total number of registered premises is now 3.

Slaughter Houses, Slaughtering. The Government scheme of Centralised Slaughterhouses was continued during the year and all slaughtering for the area was carried out at the Park Lane Slaughterhouse in Darlington.

One new and 4 renewal licences to slaughter animals were granted during the year.

MILK. There are 10 distributors of milk in the area, all of whom are producer-retailers.

The following supplementary licences were issued to distributors from outside the district:-

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|-------------------|---|
| Tuberculin Tested | 1 |
| Pasteurised | 2 |

No complaint has been received regarding the distribution of milk or upon the condition of their premises.

It was not found necessary for the Medical Officer to take any action under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 regarding the prohibition of sale of any milk or directing its heat treatment before sale.

Miscellaneous.FACTORIES ACTS - 1937 and 1949. Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| <u>Premises</u> (1) | <u>Number on Register</u> (3) | <u>Number of:-</u> | | | <u>Occupiers Prose- cuted</u> (6) |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|--|
| | | <u>Inspection</u> (4) | <u>Written notices</u> (5) | | |
| (1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 7 | 11 | . | . | |
| (2) Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 4 | 4 | . | . | |
| (3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | . | . | . | . | |
| Totals | 11 | 15 | . | . | |
| Cases in which defects were found | | | . | nil | |
| Outworkers | ... | | . | nil | |

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act 1951.
Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Regulations 1951.

The above Act operated from 1st November 1951 and is designed to secure the use of clean filling materials in upholstered articles and other articles which are stuffed or lined.

It provides for the registration of premises where any of the prescribed filling materials are used, and for the licensing of premises where they are manufactured.

Authority is given under the Act for samples to be taken to ascertain the cleanliness of the materials used.

The regulations prescribe the standards of cleanliness for each type of filling material, specify the prescribed analysis for the tests, fees to be charged and form of certificate. They also indicate the form in which records are to be kept by Occupiers of premises registered or licensed for the purpose of the Act.

There are no manufacturers or registered premises in the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. The provisions of this Act give rise to an increasing amount of time and labour being spent on Rodent Control. Not only is it the duty of the Local Authority to treat its sewers, sewage works and refuse tips at regular intervals, but also to inspect its entire district for evidence of rat or mice infestations. This latter operation is carried out on all routine inspections of all types of property.

During the year the Council's sewers at Barton were test-baited and as a slight infestation was found, a treatment was carried out. Both sewage works were found to be slightly infested and were treated. The only tip used by the Council in the area is at Croft Airport, and this is treated every three months.

A regular treatment is maintained at the business premises mentioned in last year's report, and the agricultural area is well served by the Agricultural Committee's Rodent Control Service (who carried out this work for farms under contract).

Byelaws in force in District.

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| Slaughter Houses - | 6.1.25. |
| Building Byelaws | 18.5.39 |
| New Streets | 1. 1. 40. |
| Food Handling | 30.5.50. |

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

Sixteen renewal licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year.

